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WILL ELECT 3 TRUSTEES MONDAY

Walter Renn, Well Known in Torrance and Lomita, Dies

PIONEER'S LOSS IS MOURNED

Business Man Expires After Chronic Illness of Several Months

MASONIC FUNERAL RITES

Rotary and Lodge Members Pallbearers for Departed Friend

Walter A. Renn died Sunday night at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital following an operation for chronic intestinal ailments. He had been in the hospital for several months. Mr. Renn's condition took a decided change for the worse last Saturday. An operation was decided upon in an effort to save his life, but the condition was too far advanced even for surgical remedy.

Forty-four years of age and a pioneer of this district, Mr. Renn was among the most widely known men in Torrance and Lomita. He first came to California 11 years ago with Mrs. Renn and his son Alan.

Of Fine Old Family
Walter Alan Renn was born in Pittsburgh to Henry A. Renn and Ida Craig Renn. His family was one of the most respected in the state of Pennsylvania. As a boy he moved to Erie and soon became affiliated with the American Express Company in the capacity of foreign exchange expert, with headquarters in New York.

On July 20, 1906, Mr. Renn married Miss Susie Wood of Brookham, Miss., daughter of a fine old southern family. Mr. and Mrs. Renn moved to New Orleans, and came to California in 1912, locating in Humboldt County, where for two years Mr. Renn was cashier of the Bank of Scotia.

Move to Torrance
In 1914 they returned to Mississippi, where their son Alan was born. They returned to California and settled in Torrance when Alan was 11 months of age. After residing for a time in Torrance Mr. and Mrs. Renn moved to Lomita, where Mr. Renn engaged in business. Closing out his store in Lomita, Mr. Renn came to Torrance, where he was actively engaged in the real estate business and later became proprietor of Renn's grocery on Carson street. This business was sold a few months ago and Mr. Renn took up real estate again, centering his activities at Carlsbad, but retaining his residence in Torrance.

Mr. Renn was one of the chief leaders in the group that made possible the Masonic Temple building in Torrance. He was a member of the Torrance Lodge of Masons, a member of the Lomita Lodge I. O. O. F., and of the Redondo Beach Lodge, B. F. O. E. Always interested in the promotion of better business and social relations in his community, Mr. Renn was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Torrance and served on this organization's first board of directors.

Mr. Renn was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Family Survives
In addition to Mrs. Renn and his son Alan, Mr. Renn is survived by two brothers, James Renn of Canada and Harry Renn of Bradford, Pa., and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Kagle of Pittsburgh.

Masonic funeral services were held at the Renn home on Post avenue yesterday afternoon, with Rev. B. H. Lipgenfelder officiating.

Members of the Rotary Club who also are members of the Masonic lodge were pallbearers. They were F. L. Parks, C. M. Mackenzie, Dr. N. A. Leake, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, J. W. MacMillan, and W. R. Page. Honorary pallbearers were R. A. Huber, Senator Carter of Wilmington, Henry Lemke and Gabriel Hodge of Harbor City, and George Proctor, J. W. Post and R. R. Smith of Torrance.

Interment was at the Hollywood mausoleum.

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Observations

Walter Renn, a Genial Friend—Mencken's Arrest; Capital Punishment and Chapman—Rain and Industries—Los Angeles and Water

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

TORRANCE AND LOMITA mourn the loss of Walter Renn. For Walter was the sort of man who goes through life daily making friends. His disposition was of that variety which nourishes acquaintance to affection.

I wonder what material works a man can leave behind more valuable to the world, more to be cherished, than the true affection of a great number of friends.

In his life Walter, as he was known by so many hundreds of friends, won affection by his geniality and good will. Walter was the sort who had a good word and a smile for everyone and who, when he could not praise, kept silent. That is a fine asset in any man.

So long, Walter. Your friends will not soon forget you.

H. L. MENCKEN is under arrest. That is interesting. Anyone who has followed the career of this famous American "dumbler" might have expected that sooner or later he would cross swords with the law.

Mencken is editor of The American Mercury—a magazine much read by the literati and so-called intellectuals.

The Mercury is an interesting organ. On one page it makes you read-hot mad. On the next page you find a jewel that wins enthusiastic approbation. Mencken is a broad liberal. In his editorials and articles he is continually placing his thumb on his nose and wagging his fingers at every American institution. In his opposition to almost everything he is half the time wrong and half the time right.

A brilliant satirist, Mencken attracts much attention—not always because his readers agree with him, but because of the unusualness of his presentation.

MENCKEN'S arrest took place in Boston. It was made at the behest of the Watch and Ward Society. In order to be arrested Mencken personally sold one of his magazines on Boston common to Frank Chase, chief of the society. The editor pleaded not guilty to selling obscene literature. The American Civil Liberties League is backing the editor.

I do not know to which article in the April Mercury Mr. Chase and his society objected. I have read the April Mercury quite thoroughly. I read every issue thoroughly. I have yet to find any obscenity in its pages—although much of it makes me hot under the collar.

However, the American privilege of free speech is a basic guarantee of this civilization. While most of us violently disagree with much that Mencken says and writes, yet those of us who do believe in the bill of rights should stand firmly for his right to say them and write them.

The bill of rights is more important than the utterance of any individual—even such a one as Mencken.

GERALD CHAPMAN, arch-bandit, went to his death at the gallows. His passing revives the argument over capital punishment. If there ever has been an institution over which I have repeatedly changed my mind, it is this business of legal killing. In a mood brought on by impatience at the law's delay in dealing with murderers, I find myself a strong proponent of capital punishment speedily administered to killers.

On the other hand, during calm moments of possibly philosophical thought, I can find no justification for legal murder. I wonder if many other people are like that.

I HAVE both the utmost admiration and the utmost contempt for the person who is never changing in his convictions. Constancy, even in the matter of opinion, is a virtue. It is also a fault. Yesterday I would have said: "I favor speedy death for all first degree murderers."

Today after reading, half against my will, the awful details of Chapman's death, I am inclined the other way. Still I believe society is safer with Chapman out of the way. Are the Golden Rule and the "eye for an eye" theory compatible? Will someone with divine inspiration answer for me?

IF you have not completely arrived at the conclusion that the Torrance district is destined to become the greatest industrial area in Southern California, you should have visited several of the Los Angeles industrial centers Monday or Tuesday.

Much of the territory set aside for industrial purposes in Los Angeles was under water.

On the same days the Torrance industrial area was high and dry. Drainage and the ability of the soil to stand the strain of heavy hammers are vitally important to industry. Factories desire locations on land that is never liable to flood.

In addition to its other favorable characteristics, the industrial property in this district has Nature as an ally.

SPEAKING of floods, Los Angeles should spend some money on drainage. I met a man back east—before I had been to California—who said he never would come back to Los Angeles. To quote him: "When it rains in that town conditions are terrible. You can't walk, and if you drive the water short-circuits your ignition system. No more for me."

I wonder how many tourists felt the same way Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

HEARINGS now taking place before the Senate committee on the matter of prohibition will do some good. Enforcement officers qualified to speak will place before the public information regarding the difficulty of enforcing the law. If the Volstead act is to remain in force, all facts regarding its enforcement should be made known. If it is impossible properly to enforce the law as it stands, that is another question.

Prohibition is an issue. There is no mistake about that. Anything is an issue on which large numbers of citizens line up on different sides. In all issues of national import, public hearings at which both sides may be presented are in keeping with the American principles of democracy.

Southern Medical Ass'n Meets Here

The Southwest branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association met at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital last night. Dr. J. S. Lancaster delivered the principal address. Physicians and surgeons were present from Gardena, Moneta, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

Mrs. Henderson Is Named to Torrance Plan Commission

Mrs. Isabel Henderson was appointed Monday night by Mayor Robert J. Deiminger as member of the City Planning Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Post. The appointment was confirmed by the trustees.

Old-Fashioned Campaign Parade Will End Saturday Night With Big Rally at High Auditorium

The political rally scheduled to take place at the Torrance High School Auditorium Wednesday was postponed until Saturday night, on account of inclement weather. The campaign committee of the People's League announced Wednesday afternoon that plans for the old-fashioned torchlight parade have been moved forward until Saturday night. Marches which will take part in the parade will form on Cabrillo avenue in front of the Pacific Electric station at 7 o'clock and will drive through the residence district.

The meeting, to which all are cordially invited, will open at 8 o'clock at the High School Auditorium.

Charles M. Inman, Andrew Brady Wolfe, candidates for the four-year term on the economy platform of the People's League, will speak, as well as John Dennis, candidate for the short term on the same platform.

Predict Victory
The campaign committee of the People's League today issued the following statement:

"Reports from all sections of the city indicate that the people of Torrance are determined that the political feuds that have characterized Torrance activities for the past few years shall be ended with Monday's election. With this determination on the part of the voters of the city, the People's League is confident that John Dennis, Charles M. Inman and Andrew Brady Wolfe will be returned winners by large majorities.

"All three candidates are pledged to lower taxes, strict economy, and fair dealing, sensible zoning to suit all purposes, rigid administration in all city departments.

"Elected, they will constitute a majority of the Board of Trustees and will thus be enabled to put through the principles of the platform desired by the people of Torrance.

"The paramount issue of the campaign is Harmony against Discord. The People's League candidates were urged to run by representative citizens of Torrance who sought to end for all time political bickering and hatreds in the city.

Issue Warning
"We are confident that people of the intelligence of Torrance voters are not being misled by campaign promises that never can be fulfilled, and that they quickly see through misstatements of facts and distorted claims.

"We wish at this time to warn the people of Torrance against eleventh-hour propaganda that may be spread too late to be answered."

Frederick Curler's Father Succumbs

Frederick H. Curler of Gramercy avenue was called to Beaumont Sunday by the death of his father, Robert Curler, 86.

Born in Vermont, Mr. Curler came to Los Angeles in 1882, and for several years was engaged in the real estate business in that city.

Mr. Curler is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes Curler, of Beaumont; two sons, Frederick H. of Torrance and Benton H. of Beaumont; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whyte and Mrs. MacKay, of the Parks Apartments, attended the Wilshire Presbyterian Church Easter Sunday.

Devoted members of the American Legion Auxiliary here made Easter a happy and bright day for the veterans who are patients at the Compton hospital.

Torrance women made a large amount of candy for the boys. Mrs. C. B. Bell and Mrs. Hurum have packed a prettily decorated basket with home-made candy and presented it to the ex-soldiers.

About twenty boxes of candy were taken to the veterans from Torrance.

Miss Ruth Mackenzie attended the Easter sunrise services at the Hollywood Bowl Sunday.

HARMONY vs. DISCORD AN EDITORIAL

HEAD and shoulders above all other issues in the Torrance municipal campaign that now is drawing to a close is the issue that has been joined between harmony and turmoil.

All candidates are agreed that taxes can and should be lowered. All are pledged to economy in all city departments. All are interested in the welfare and development of Torrance. In material matters affecting the government of the city the principles espoused by all five candidates for city trustee are identical.

Cleared of all chaff and balderdash, the one thing then for the people to decide is which three of the five candidates they believe are best fitted to carry out the principles on which all five seem agreed.

There is nothing else to it.

ANY three elected next Monday will constitute a majority of the Board of Trustees.

Contrary to some campaign promises, it will not be a one-man board. Such lures are like the well-known one-man auto tops that it used to take three men to manipulate.

The Herald has confidence that the members of the Board of Trustees whose terms do not expire will be governed in their future conduct of city affairs by the will of the people as expressed at the polls Monday. The fact that all five candidates are pledged to lower taxes will when any three of the five are elected constitute a mandate to the hold-over members of the Board of Trustees.

So with these facts evident, what constitutes the most cogent factor in the voters' consideration of the five candidates?

Obviously the answer is contained in the word Harmony.

WEBSTER'S dictionary defines harmony as follows: "Concord; the just adaptation of parts to each other in any system or combination of things, or in things intended to form a connected whole; such an agreement between the different parts of a design or composition as

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FIVE SEEK TRUSTEES OFFICE

John Dennis and Mrs. Zahradnik Candidates for 2-Year Term

3 RUN FOR LONG TERM

Charles M. Inman, Andrew Brady Wolfe, William T. Klusman, Aspirants

The people of Torrance will elect three new trustees next Monday.

For the two-year term there are two candidates. One will be elected. For this office John Dennis and Mrs. Charlot G. Zahradnik are running. Mr. Dennis is the People's League candidate.

For the four-year term there are three candidates. Two will be elected. The candidates are Charles M. Inman, Andrew Brady Wolfe, candidates of the People's League, and William T. Klusman.

Polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. A map showing the precinct boundaries and the polling places is printed on this page.

As this paper goes to press all candidates and their supporters are predicting success at the polls.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer H. H. Dolley are unopposed for re-election.

Nineteen Babies Win High Scores In Local Tests

Annual Infant Day at Women's Club Is Huge Success

Nineteen babies scored 95 percent or over at Annual Baby Day, held last Friday at the Women's Clubhouse by the Mothers' Educational Center of Torrance.

The average scored in general was good, and the following babies headed the list: Don Baxter Jr., Lee Bly, Harvel Guttenfelder Jr., Shirley Guttenfelder, Henrietta Hemsath, Russell Hemsath, Dorothy Leonard, Fred Lincoln, Louise Luscher, George Metzger Jr., Marion Muir, Charles T. Rippey Jr., John Robbins, William Scofield, Marilyn Smith, Bernice Ann Stephens, Wallace Watson, and Byrda Webber.

Besides the regular examination, each child was photographed and scored. The pictures will be displayed in rapport with windows, and afterward will be presented to the mothers.

Baby Days are held the first Friday in each month for the benefit of mothers who have children of 6 years or under.

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 7.

Trees Planted on Main Boulevards Entering Torrance

Eucalyptus trees have been planted along the newly paved portion of Redondo boulevard and along Western avenue, Street Superintendent William Gascolgne reported to the Board of Trustees Monday night.

The department has also completed planting trees along the sides of El Prado Park. When the young trees have somewhat matured, some of the scattered palms and shrubs will be removed. The park planting is in accordance with a well-designed beautification plan.

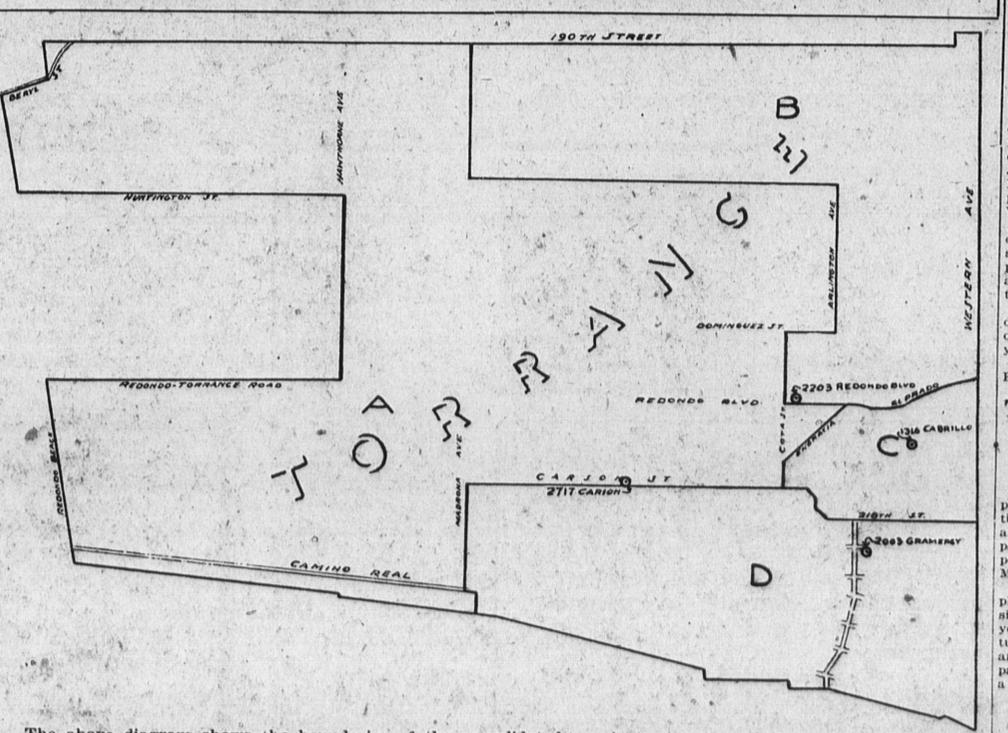
BROWN SHOP MOVING

Brown's Shoe Repair Shop is moving this week around the corner in the Vonderhage building to 2173 Cravena avenue.

The shop has been located in the same building on Carson street.

Richard Bishop, a student at the Los Angeles Dental College, spent the Easter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bishop of Carson street.

MAP SHOWS POLLING PLACES FOR MONDAY ELECTION



The above diagram shows the boundaries of the consolidated precincts for the city election next Monday. There are four precincts—A, B, C, and D.

Polling places for the precincts are as follows:
PRECINCT A—2717 Carson street.
PRECINCT B—2203 Redondo boulevard.
PRECINCT C—1316 Cabrillo avenue.
PRECINCT D—2003 Gramercy avenue.

Polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.